

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2131 - HB 2255

January 25, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the central office of internal affairs of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The director shall appoint a deputy director or other designated employee, not employed by the agency as a wildlife officer, to receive complaints from members of the public relative to the agency's actions and policies and to investigate such complaints and any and all allegations of improprieties. The office shall be located in Nashville and housed at the agency's main office. The director shall develop procedures to facilitate the intake of complaints and to conduct investigations. The central office of internal affairs shall be funded out of existing funds of the agency and shall be administered by the office of the TWRA director.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$92,275/Wildlife Resources Fund
\$25,000 One-Time
(Included in the Governor's Proposed 2000-01 Budget)**

Cost estimates reflect the addition of an Assistant Director and Executive Secretary and associated cost to receive and investigate complaints. Funds are included in the Governor's Proposed FY2000-01 Budget.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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